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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 6,029,238
- (2) Japan 2002-358177

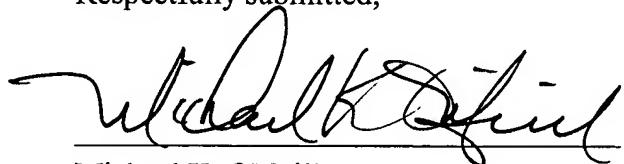
A copy of document (2) is enclosed. Pursuant to 1276 O.G. 55, a copy of document (1) is not enclosed.

An English language abstract for document (2) has been located and is enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. The concise explanation of relevance for this non-English language document is believed to be satisfied by the enclosed English language abstract. See MPEP § 609.

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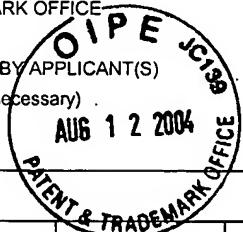
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